

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR DOGS & CATS INTO BERMUDA

All animals arriving in Bermuda must be accompanied by an Import Permit issued in advance by this Department, together with an original of a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian of the country from which the animal is coming. The health certificate and veterinary statements must be issued within 10 days before the animal's arrival, must be dated, must show the name, address and phone number of the veterinary facility, and must be signed by a licensed veterinarian. You must provide evidence that your animal complies with **all** import requirements before we will issue an Import Permit. You must provide true and accurate documentation of :

1. The animal has been implanted with a microchip read by a standard microchip reader, i.e. ISO, FECAVA, European/International or AVID-USA chip.
2. A veterinary health certificate issued within 10 days before your arrival in Bermuda, stating that the animal is not infected with any communicable disease and is free of external parasites. The veterinary health certificate must contain the following information:-
 - (a) Name, date of birth, breed, description and microchip identification of pet;
 - (b) Owner at present; (c) Owner in Bermuda and address
3. A veterinary statement giving the name of the acaricidal preparation applied during the examination, which is known to have residual activity against ticks, e.g. product containing fipronil, (i.e. FrontLine Top Spot®), Ovitrol®, Sectrol®, K9 Advantix®, Vectra 3D®, Proticall®, Kiltix®, Defend Ex-Spot®, Promeris® for Dogs. – **NOTE: Advantage®, Sentinel®, Revolution®, Selamectin, Capstar®, Bio-Spot®, Promeris® for Cats, Comfortis®, shampoos and collars do not qualify.**
4. A veterinary statement that, as best as can be ascertained by your knowledge and through questioning, the animal has not been exposed to rabies nor been present in an officially quarantined rabies area within the last 6 months.
5. - *Not applicable to dogs or cats arriving directly from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or Jamaica*
Rabies vaccination history, showing at least two rabies vaccinations, and that all rabies vaccinations have been given by a licensed veterinarian, and are in accord with all of these requirements. The animal :
 - Upon attaining / after the age of three months, has received a rabies vaccination; AND
 - Received a second rabies vaccine 6-12 months following the first rabies vaccination; AND
 - There have been no significant lapses in vaccinations; AND
 - The most recent vaccination was given at least 30 days, and not more than 12 months prior to arrival.

****Note:** - *Not applicable to dogs or cats arriving directly from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or Jamaica*
Dogs and cats under age 10 months, and dogs and cats of any age that have received only a single rabies vaccination, do not qualify for entry into Bermuda.

Veterinarians **may only** attest to vaccinations given by him/herself, given under his/her direct supervision, and prior vaccinations that are accompanied with original certificates. Veterinarians **cannot** attest to vaccines given by non-veterinarians, including owners or breeders.

6. - *Not applicable to dogs or cats arriving directly from the Continental USA or Canada.*
The animal has not been kept within 30 miles of Foot and Mouth disease during the last 30 days.
7. When requested by this Department, you will be required to give information regarding the purpose of imported animal, and the location of facility where the animal(s) will be housed. You need not provide this information at this time.

THE PROCEDURE

- Visit your veterinarian to obtain a microchip, health certificate and the veterinary statements within **10 days** of your arrival. If the animal is coming from the United Kingdom, visit the Local Veterinary Inspector within **5 days** of your departure for an Export Permit (EHC-2921).
- FAX or E-MAIL the veterinary documents to this office. Response with an Import Permit will be by fax or email, usually within 1 business day. Please ensure that your FAX number is shown on the application form. A printed copy of the Import Permit and the **ORIGINAL** veterinary certificates **MUST** accompany the animal on arrival.

IMPORT PERMITS ARE ONLY VALID FOR 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE VETERINARY CERTIFICATE.

THIS OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Our next public holiday is _____ .

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT SMALL ANIMALS

All animals arriving in Bermuda must be accompanied by an Import Permit that was issued in advance by this Department, together with the required original health certificates signed and dated by a licensed veterinarian from the country of origin.

NOTE : No action can be taken on this application until the required health documents are submitted.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IMPORTER - Person in Bermuda who will receive animal(s) _____

2. ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL(S) WILL BE KEPT (if different from above): _____

3. NAME, OVERSEAS ADDRESS & PHONE OF EXPORTER or PREVIOUS OWNER _____

4. FAX or E-MAIL TO WHERE PERMIT SHOULD BE SENT _____
5. TYPE OF ANIMAL(S) _____

6. DESCRIPTION (Name, Breed, Sex, Age, Tag #, Identifying marks, Microchip) _____

7. WHY IS THE ANIMAL BEING IMPORTED? _____
8. COUNTRIES ENTERED BY ANIMAL IN LAST 6 MONTHS _____
9. IMPORTER'S NATURE OF ENTRY INTO BERMUDA: () Resident () Work () Vacation
10. METHOD OF ARRIVAL / AIRLINE FLIGHT No. _____
11. DATE OF ARRIVAL _____
12. IS ANIMAL SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BERMUDA? () Yes () No
If "Yes", when is animal scheduled to leave? _____
13. If this application pertains to a dog included on our Importation and Breeding Restrictions list, you are required to complete the APPLICATION TO IMPORT A RESTRICTED BREED OF DOG in addition to this form.

NOTES ON BERMUDA LAWS & REGULATIONS:

- **Animals arriving without proper documentation are immediately returned to country of origin.**
- As with any commodity, animals including pets, are subject to a Customs tariff.
- Approval or disapproval of any import application is at the discretion of the Veterinary Officer.
- All dogs residing in Bermuda must be licensed at the offices of this Department in the Botanical Gardens.
- Special licenses are required to breed dogs, possess more than two dogs, to sell or act as broker in sale of dogs, possess or train guard dogs.

Signature of applicant or agent

Date

January 1, 2012

Importation and Breeding Restrictions

The Ministry responsible for the environment has implemented restrictions on the importation and breeding of certain dog breeds. The following breeds of dogs are affected:

<u>Prohibited Breeds</u>	<u>Restricted Breeds</u>
American Pit Bull Terrier	Akita
American Bulldog	Australian Cattle Dog
American Staffordshire Terrier	Belgian Malinois
Argentine mastiff (Dogo Argentino)	Bouvier Des Flandres
Azorean Cattle dog (Fila de São Miguel)	Bull Terrier
Boerboel (South African mastiff)	Bullmastiff
Brazilian Mastiff (Fila Brasileiro)	Chow Chow
Cane Corso	Doberman Pinscher
Presa Canario	Dogue de Bordeaux
Neapolitan Mastiff	English mastiff
Tosa Inu	Rhodesian Ridgeback
Wolf & Wolf Hybrid	Rottweiler
Any Cross of the above	Shepherds (German, Dutch, etc.)
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
	Any Cross of the above

Prohibited

- Dogs of these breeds may not be imported, bred or used for breeding.

Restricted

- Dogs of these breeds may be imported under permit once the conditions for keeping these dogs have been fulfilled by the importer.
- New acquisitions of these dogs require pre-approval.
- Dogs of these breeds may be bred only following receipt of a Breeder's permit.

Any rare, exotic or uncommon breed may also be refused entry despite its absence from the list above. The list will be amended as necessary. You certainly may contact us if you have a breed of dog that may be perceived as 'dangerous'. Even if your dog has been listed as prohibited, you may still apply if you have exceptional circumstances to justify having the animal imported. Your application will be considered.

CONDITIONS & APPLICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF RESTRICTED BREED DOGS

These conditions of keeping apply to persons who:

- will be newly acquiring or importing a dog that is listed as prohibited or restricted, regardless of the source of the animal, and regardless of whether or not you already own a dog of a prohibited or restricted breed; or
- will be keeping a dog of any breed that has proved itself to be problematic.

This Ministry has adopted conditions for the keeping of newly acquired dogs of certain breeds and individual dogs that have become problematic. Any person wishing to keep a prohibited or restricted breed must apply to have their property inspected to ensure that it meets the requirements prior to obtaining the subject dog.

- a). The premises where the animal will be kept or is being kept must have an approved escape-proof kennel, enclosure or area, of no less than 60 square feet. Every entrance or gate to such kennel, enclosure or area must be secured with a dog-proof, lockable device to prevent accidental release of the animal. The owner should take steps to prevent malicious release of the animal as well.
- b). For animals that will be primarily kept indoors, the required enclosure/area shall be easily and immediately accessible via an exit from the primary residence.
- c). Persons are **strongly advised** to consult with the Department of Planning before erecting any kennel, fence or other barrier to ensure compliance with Planning regulations.
- d). The dog may not be left unattended and tethered on the property outside of the containment area; and must be on a leash and under the direct control of a person capable of maintaining control of the animal when not indoors and not in the approved containment area.
- e). That only under very exceptional conditions will anyone be granted permission to keep more than two dogs of prohibited/restricted breed(s).
- f). The animal must still meet all of the conditions of entry (which are applicable to all dogs) before an import permit can be issued.
- g). The dog may not participate in any breeding event for at least one year following importation.

NOTE: A person wishing to import a prohibited or restricted dog should apply to this office at least one month prior to planned importation, and have the premises ready for inspection at the time of application.

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APPLICATION TO IMPORT A RESTRICTED BREED OF DOG

The Government of Bermuda has implemented restrictions on the importation and breeding dogs of certain breeds. This application is for **in principle** approval to import a restricted dog which is not currently resident in Bermuda, and should be submitted to this Department one month in advance of your intended date of arrival. An Animal Warden will inspect the premise where the animal will be kept. You are strongly advised to not purchase nor otherwise acquire a restricted dog until an approval has been granted. Even if you receive in-principle approval, the animal must still meet all of the conditions of entry before an import permit can be issued. **The dog may not participate in any breeding event for at least one year following importation.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IMPORTER - Person in Bermuda who will keep animal(s) _____

2. NAME, OVERSEAS ADDRESS & PHONE OF EXPORTER or PREVIOUS OWNER _____

3. DESCRIPTION of DOG (Name, Breed, Sex, Age, Tag #, Identifying marks, Microchip) _____

4. ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL WILL BE KEPT (if different from above): _____

Dog will primarily be kept: Outdoors in a fenced yard Outdoors within a fenced enclosure

Indoors within home, but outdoor facility is still required _____

Outdoors on a chain/tether, which is not an acceptable form of keeping a dog

5. HAS ANIMAL BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED? Yes No Unknown/Uncertain

6. WILL THIS DOG BE PREGNANT UPON ARRIVAL? Yes No Unknown/Uncertain

7. DESCRIBE ALL TRAINING (of all types) THE ANIMAL HAS RECEIVED: _____

Attach all certificates pertaining to training or Canine Good Citizen status.

8. WHY IS THE ANIMAL BEING IMPORTED? _____

9. IMPORTER'S NATURE OF ENTRY INTO BERMUDA: () Resident () Work () Vacation

10. APPROXIMATE DATE OF ARRIVAL _____

11. IS ANIMAL SCHEDULED TO PERMANENTLY LEAVE BERMUDA? Yes No

If "Yes", when is animal scheduled to leave? _____

12. You may attach a letter outlining special circumstances you wish us to consider. Is there an attachment? Yes No

13. If applicant is/will be a tenant at the residence, has the property owner/manager been made aware of your need to erect and/or maintain secure fencing or an enclosure, and has given consent to dog being kept there? Yes No

Name of property owner/manager: _____

Contact info: Home _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

NOTES:

- **Animals arriving without proper documentation are immediately returned to country of origin.**
- Keeping a dog outdoors on a chain/tether is unacceptable and is grounds to reject this application.
- Decision on any IN PRINCIPLE import application is at the discretion of the Ministry responsible for the environment.
- Conditions may be attached to any import approval.
- Special licenses are required to breed dogs, possess more than two dogs, to sell or act as broker in sale of dogs, possess or train guard dogs.

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